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Auditors from Plante Moran recently issued an “unmodified opinion,” of the Westland 2020 financial statement, the highest possible rating available.

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National Guard to aid vaccinations

More than 300 additional Michigan National Guard soldiers are being assigned across the state to expand COVID vaccination and testing efforts, according to state officials.

The deployment is in response to the detection of the variant B.1.1.7. COVID strain found in a Wayne County man and among several people associated with the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The deployment of the additional guard members which began Monday is an effort to assist the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and local health departments.

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The guard members will augment local health departments, as requested, in administering the vaccination in clinics in their respective areas, officials said.

B.1.1.7 spreads more easily between people, but there has been no indication that it affects the clinical outcomes or disease severity compared to

the SARS-CoV-2 virus that has been circulating across the United States for months, explained Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

“The new variant is present in Michigan and we are at risk

of seeing more spread of COVID-19. Everyone should do their part to end this pandemic. Get tested if you have been exposed, have symptoms, or have recently traveled to an area with a new variant spreading,” said Khaldun. “Make sure you are following all quarantine and isolation guidance. And do your part to prevent the spread of this virus by continuing to wear your mask, avoid gatherings, socially distance, and washing your hands.”

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Paul Rogers, adjutant general and

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High lead levels found in Inkster water

Eight homes in Inkster have higher levels of lead and copper in their water than is considered safe by the Michigan Department of the Environment.

During the last six months, Inkster personnel collected water samples at 62 homes as part of the lead and copper level compliance with the state Safe Drinking Water Act. Test results for eight of the 62 homes reported lead levels higher than the Action Level of 15 ppb (parts per billion) as outlined by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

Since 2019, the City of Inkster has been working to reduce lead levels in drinking water by educating customers, providing customers with water filters, replacing known lead service lines, and identifying the service line material for those that are unknown, according to an official report prepared by the city. The action level for lead is 15 ppb and the eight homes in Inkster registered 18 ppb.

City officials noted that exposure to lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters the body from drinking water and other sources and suggested Inkster residents take precautions to prevent the threat hazard. In the report, they suggested that residents run water to flush out lead-containing water.



Those who do not have a lead service line should run the water for 30 seconds to two minutes, or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature. Those who do have a lead service line should run the water for at least five minutes to flush water from the house or building plumbing and the lead service line.

“Everyone can consider

using a filter to reduce lead in drinking water. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) recommends that any household with a child or pregnant woman use cold water and a certified lead filter to remove lead from their drinking water, especially when preparing baby formula,” officials cautioned in the report. Residents

should look for filters that are tested and certified to NSF/ANSI Standard 53 for lead reduction and ensure that filters work properly and that the manufacturer's instructions are following.

“If your household has a child or pregnant woman and is not able to afford the cost of

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Restaurants can offer inside dining Monday

Area restaurant owner heaved a giant sigh of relief and began efforts to accommodate the state requirements that will allow them to reopen for inside dining next Monday.

Officials from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued an order last week which will allow restaurants to open for indoor dining with certain requirements; concessions at casinos, movie theaters and stadiums; personal services requiring mask removal; and non-residential gatherings of up to 10 people from two households. The new order will last three weeks, until Sunday, Feb. 21.

“The pause has worked. The efforts we have made together to protect our families, frontline workers and hospitals have dramatically reduced cases and we

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have saved lives. Now, we are confident that starting Feb. 1, restaurants can resume indoor dining with safety measures in place,” said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. “Michigan continues to be a national leader in fighting this virus, and we must continue working to keep it that way. One of the most important things Michiganders can do is to make a plan to get the safe and effective vaccine when it's available to you. And as always, mask up and maintain 6-feet of social distancing. We will end this pandemic together.”

“I know this pandemic has

hurt restaurant owners or restaurant workers, and all of their families. I want to thank those that made incredible sacrifices and did their part, on behalf of our protecting our communities from COVID,” Whitmer said. “I've spoken with a number of restaurant owners over the course of these months. I know that it has not been easy. I want you to know that I will continue to do everything in my power to support you and your family.”

“We are pleased to see the improvements in case rates, hospitalizations and percent posi-

tivity that have allowed us to reopen more activities,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at MDHHS. “However, we must remain vigilant, especially since we now have a new more easily transmitted variant of this virus present in our state. This is not the time to let our guard down and Michiganders should minimize their risk by avoiding gatherings, wearing masks properly, social distancing and making a plan to get their vaccine when it is their turn.”

Restaurants and bars will be allowed to reopen at 25 percent capacity with up to 100 people. Tables must be 6 feet apart with no more than six people per table. Outdoor tents with four

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Post loses liquor license

A second Plymouth business has been cited for violations of state health coronavirus restrictions.

All liquor licenses and other permits at The Post Local Bistro, 844 Penniman Ave., were suspended Jan. 14 by state inspectors. According to documents presented to the licensing board, The Post allowed about 100 people in an outdoor service area on at least one occasion in January, a violation of current state restrictions. The documents claim that an accredited state investigator found the establishment parking lot full of vehicles during a January inspection and found “nearly every available seat occupied” in an outdoor service area along with several people standing near

tables.”

The report also indicated that tables were not properly distanced, customers were not wearing masks and about 100 people were in the outdoor service area for the business, a clear violation of state health mandates.

The suspension follows numerous warnings to the establishment and both Plymouth police and Wayne County health officials had previously found violations at the restaurant, according to the state filings. Licensing at Plymouth Rock on Ann Arbor Road was suspended last month due to coronavirus health code violations but has been reinstated following a hearing and changes in procedures.



Memorial honors 92 COVID victims

Canton Township officials and residents memorialized the lives lost to the COVID-19 pandemic recently in the shadow of a new testing facility in Heritage Park.

The Canton Police and Fire Department Honor Guard presented the flag while Devyn Mitchell sang the National Anthem at the ceremony. Township religious participated in the service memorializing the 92 Canton Township residents who had died of the disease to that date. Offering prayers and invocations were Geneva Presbyterian Church Pastor Bryan Smith, Tahini Peracha (Muslin Community of the Western Suburbs), TejKiran Singh (Singh Sabha of Michigan, Sikh community) and Chandru Acharya, president of South-Asian American Voices of Impact, who represented the Hindu community.

Ninety two white flags representing the lives lost were erected at the base of the state in the shadow of a new virus testing

station in the parking lot a short distance away.

“This is a significant moment in our history as we safely gather to honor all of the people who we have lost to the coronavirus, especially our Canton neighbors,” said Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak said. “These people were mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons, daughters, cousins and neighbors.”

State Reps. Matt Koleszar and Ranjeev Puri, and Wayne County Commissioner Melissa Daub also spoke to the audience which included township officials Dian Slavens, Michael Siegrist, Sommer Foster, Steven Sneiderman, Kate Borninski and Tania Ganguly.

“While I'm proud of the way Canton Township residents have responded to the pandemic by wearing masks and social-distancing, we can't let our guard down until a large percentage of the globe is vaccinated,” Graham-Hudak said.

Plan ahead and shop efficiently.

Just one shopper whenever possible.

Keeping your distance means lowering risks.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 4, 2021

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Councilperson Wadsworth

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams

Absent / Excused:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

D'Sjonaun Hockenhuill - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Carol Maise - City Planner; Robert McCraight - Director of Public Services & Economic Development; Stephen Dudek - Technology Director; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Kevin Krause - Director of Emergency & Fire Services

1. Agenda

A. Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

A. Res. #21-001 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on December 28, 2020. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams Nays - None. Abstain - Webb Motion Carried.

3. Petitioner - no petitioners at this meeting

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem

A. Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to accept the Chairperson's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

A. Res. #21-002 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to concur with the Administration and re-appoint Chris Dunn, Durrice Green, and Reverend Edward Thomas to the Romulus Housing Commission with a term to expire on February 26, 2025. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - None. Abstain - Williams. Motion Carried.

Res. #21-003 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to concur with the Administration and re-appoint Barbara Sanders and Robert McCraight to the Romulus Housing Commission with a term to expire on February 26, 2026. Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #21-004 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to concur with the Administration and approve the re-appointments of Mike Glotfelty, Jerry Frederick, and Edna Talon-Jemison and appoint Adewunmi Gbogboarde to the City of Romulus Planning Commission with a three year term to expire on January 31, 2024. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. Nays - Abdo. Motion Carried

6. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

A. Res. #21-005 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the Public Hearing Request from Robert McCraight, Director of Public Services & Economic Development, for February 8, 2021, at 6:00 pm to discuss Demolition List 20-1. Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasure Paige reminded the audience of the new payment options available to residents and any questions can be directed to her office.

8. Public Comment

Gina Steward of Telegram News announced Western Wayne NAACP virtual listening tour will be held on January 14 at 5:30pm via Zoom.

A pastor from the Inkster Ministerial Alliances inquired on the resolution on racism as a public health crisis for the city.

9. Unfinished Business

Res. #21-005 Moved by Virginia Williams, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve a moratorium on water shut-offs, in line with legislation signed by Gov. Whitmer, until March 31, 2021. Motion Carried Unanimously

10. New Business - No new business at this meeting

11. Communication

Councilperson Talley thanked the administration and all involved in positioning the city to succeed during the pandemic. She spoke on a team working in collaboration with churches to provide children with educational resources to help with the virtual learning experience. Councilperson Williams requested that the Clerk's Office consider personal delivery of the council packets during the pandemic. She also reminded the residents of Forgotten Harvest at the Romulus High School. Councilperson Barden spoke on the seriousness of this global health pandemic and reminded his colleagues to encourage their constituents to bring about unity.

12. Adjournment

Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Virginia Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 4, 2021.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

City of Romulus, Michigan

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Sumpter Township

Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111

Minutes

NOTICE:

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Sumpter Township residents; this Board of Trustees' meeting was conducted virtually in compliance with State of Michigan Governor's Executive Order(s) and MDHHS directive(s) regarding remote public meetings.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:00 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor Bednark, Deputy Treasurer Clark, Finance Director Cole, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, HR Bellingham and 9 attendees.

3. Agenda:

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the agenda with the following addition;

6. New Business, Agenda Item Q:

Consider approval of the Rotary Club of Belleville's proposal to provide a bench with a modest plaque memorializing Mr. Peter Quenet, a long time Sumpter citizen and Belleville Rotarian, at the front door at the Sumpter Media Center.

Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

None.

5. Warrants:

Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve 12/3/2020 prior warrants totaling: \$239,031.54 and warrants on hand for payment 12/16/2020 of; \$92,670.57. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. New Business:

* A. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve of the 2021 Board Meeting Schedule with the Workshop and Board Meeting to begin at 6:00 pm. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst, Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: Morgan. Motion carried.

B. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the non-statutory appointed position of Deputy Supervisor to be part time less than 20 hours/week with Pay = \$8,406.00 yearly. No benefits of any kind. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst. Nays: Morgan, Supervisor T. Bowman. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the statutory appointed position of Deputy Clerk to be full time allocating 40 hour/week with overtime as approved by the Township Clerk with Pay = \$25.08 hourly with annual increases as approved by the Board and Benefits = to AFSME employees except No medical reimbursement. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst. Nays: Morgan, Supervisor T. Bowman. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the statutory appointed position of Deputy Treasurer to be full time allocating 40 hour/week with overtime as approved by the Treasurer with Pay = \$25.08 hourly with annual increases as approved by the Board and Benefits = to AFSME employees except no medical reimbursement. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst, Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: Morgan. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve opening the Treasurer's office for the residents to pay their taxes at the township hall on Thursday December 31st, extending regular office hours until 7:30 pm. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst, Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: None. Motion carried..

F. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the closure and cancellation of all Township credit cards with the exception of the Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Police and Fire Chief in compliance with the Township Credit Card Policy. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst, Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

G. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve of all outstanding warrants to a date of December 31, 2020 close of business. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst, Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve of changing the supervision of the water department clerk from the Finance Director to the Treasurer. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

* I. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve of freezing all capital and all non-essential expenditures as of 12/15/2020. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

J. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve to reaffirm that all purchasing, reallocation and/or removal of any township furnishings, equipment, and/or assets, must have Township Board approval prior to the specific purchase, reallocation or removal. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst, Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: Morgan. Motion carried.

K. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve of changing the locks on the 3 township doors for necessary security purposes. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte, Clerk E. Hurst. Nays: Morgan, Treasurer J. Clark, Supervisor T. Bowman. Motion carried.

L. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to reaffirm that the Clerk's Office will have sole responsibility to secure and issue all Township Hall keys and security codes at the direction and approval of the Township Board.

Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst, Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: Morgan. Motion carried.

M. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve of updating the first sentence in section 6 of the Finance Directors contract to read "The employee's duties shall be determined by the Township Board from time to time and as directed by the Township Clerk on a daily basis". "The Township Supervisor and/or Township Treasurer shall have supervision of the employee for those matters undertaken by the employee which are statutorily required by law for each office". Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst, Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: Morgan. Motion carried.

N. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve of updating the first sentence in section 6 of the Human Resource Directors Contract to read "The employee's duties shall be determined by the Township Board from time to time and as directed by the Township Clerk on a daily basis". "The Township Supervisor and/or Township Treasurer shall have supervision of the employee for those matters undertaken by the employee which are statutorily required by law for each office.". Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst. Nays: Morgan, Supervisor T. Bowman. Motion carried.

* O. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve to adjust Deputy Clerk Anthony Burdick hourly pay from \$25.08 to \$27.08 to recognize and correct scheduled increases that were missed since his appointment of May, 2018. No retroactive hourly pay will be provided. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst. Nays: Morgan, Supervisor T. Bowman. Motion carried.

P. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve of Virtual Meetings policies and procedures. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Q. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve of the Rotary Club of Belleville's proposal to provide a bench with a modest plaque memorializing Mr. Peter Quenet, a long time Sumpter citizen and Belleville Rotarian, at the front door at the Sumpter Media Center. Roll call vote; Ayes; Trustees Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan, Treasurer J. Clark, Clerk E. Hurst Supervisor T. Bowman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

* Announcement(s);

Trustee Rush read a letter submitted to the Township Board by the Honorable Judge David Parrott, soon leaving public service, in which he committed his future service and support to the community of Sumpter Township. Trustee Rush congratulated Supervisor Bowman on conducting his first Township Board Meeting and acknowledged the unusual circumstances of conducting the Township's very first virtual meeting. Trustee Rush closed wishing all a safe Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season.

Trustee Morgan added her thanks to Judge Parrott for his years of service and generosity to the Sumpter Township community. Trustee Morgan desires that in the New Year the Board of Trustees can come together for the betterment of the community, as elected to do so. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Trustee Oddy also congratulated Supervisor Bowman on a well done, very first Board Meeting. He wished a very Happy Holidays to all the employees of the Township. He closed by recognizing Judge Lisa Martin on the virtual meeting call and looking forward to her service to Sumpter Township.

Attorney Young recognized the years of service by Judge David Parrott and his pleasure in seeing that the Honorable Judge Lisa Martin joined the Township virtual meeting call. Merry Christmas to all.

7. Open Floor:

No attendees spoke.

8. Adjournment:

Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 7:37 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,

Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk

Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

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Timothy Bowman, Supervisor

date

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NORTHVILLE

Foundation presents innovation grants to teachers

Teachers in the Northville School District were awarded more than \$35,000 in innovated teaching grants during the past two months.

Grants were presented to 28 projects and 42 teachers across the district, according to officials from the Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) officials. More than 30 applications were received requesting about \$48,000 in funding. The applications were reviewed by a committee comprising of NEF board members as well as retired Northville teachers. The projects were scored based on their innovation, how they address curriculum standards, their ability to be replicated, the number of students impacted and the goals for the outcome of the project.

Awarded projects included STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) oriented projects including: problem solving and product creation with 3D printers; mini robots to help teach coding; and sensors that measure force, temperature, light and sound to help engineering students develop and refine their prototypes.

Other projects resulted from teachers grappling with the challenges of COVID-19: virtual reality goggles that allow for virtual field trips that coincide with world history lessons; online applications that offer engaging videos, activities and assessment tools; COVID-19-adjusted art projects; microphones to assist in teacher video creation; and exercise bands for all of the middle schoolers who take on-line gym at home.

Committee members said they were impressed with the teachers' commitment to bring extra programming into their classrooms with projects that showed wonderful creativity and invention, especially since they are also juggling the challenges of the COVID-19 outbreak.

"These teachers have a lot on their plates already. We tried to keep the grant process simple, however, they are still planning the project, filling out paperwork and meeting the necessary deadlines in addition to all of the tasks they are facing around mastering a new learning management system and converting some of their

lessons from face-to-face to on-line," said Christa Howley, NEF director. "Of course, we could not award these grants without our incredible donors and community partners. This year, the Bosch Community Fund and Community Financial Credit Union (CFCU) donated a total of \$9,500 to Innovative Teaching Grants. We also had over 150 Northville teachers and staff members donate almost \$10,000."

"The Northville Educational Foundation shares our dedication to provide high-quality educational programming that closes the gap in opportunity and achievement for all children, said Kathleen Owsley, president of the Bosch Community Fund. "We have a deep appreciation for teachers as they navigate a challenging academic year while they continue to deliver exceptional education. We're honored to award funding to enhance the academic experience for students of the Northville School District."

"Community Financial is committed to investing in our surrounding areas. A major component of stable and vibrant communities is strong school districts," said Natalie McLaughlin, CFCU community relations manager; "This school year presents so many new obstacles. We commend all teachers for the incredible work they are doing. Community Financial is dedicated to supporting Northville schools, teachers and students and hope that our donation will help provide them with the extra resources they need to be successful."

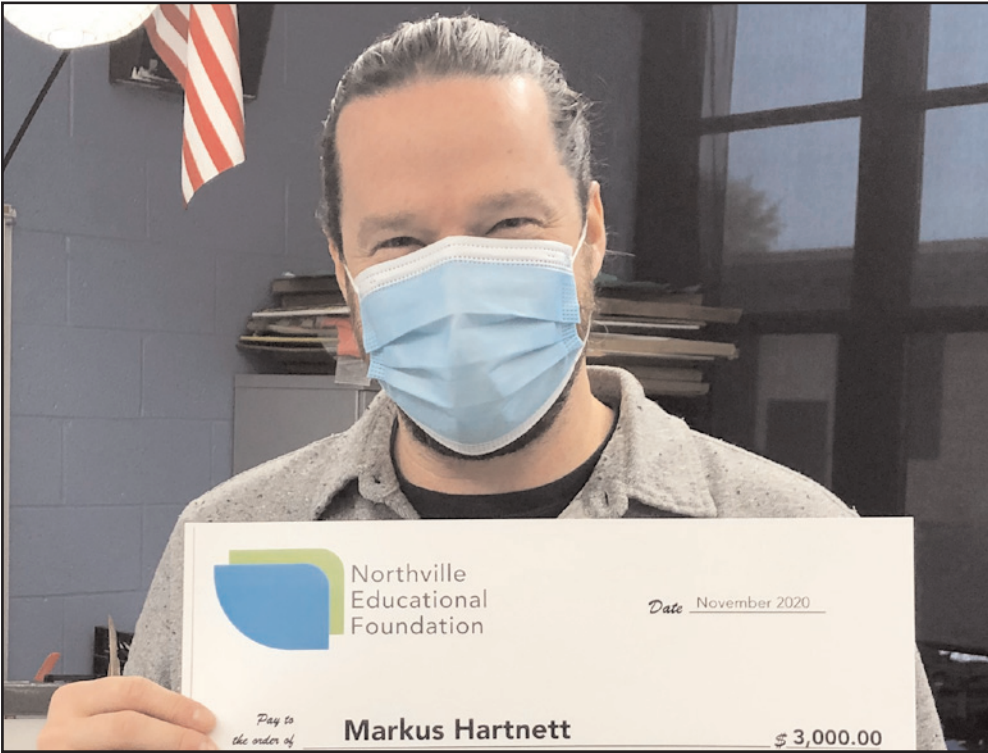
Many of these projects have already been started, while others will be implemented over the winter semester; educators said. While these projects will affect thousands of students this year, many of them will be able to be replicated year after year, increasing their impact.

"Award Day is one of NEF's favorite days of the year," said Howley. "Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we were not able have our 'Big Check' moments with the teachers. We want to thank the principals for being our representatives in awarding these grants."

This is the 12th year of NEF Innovative Grants to teachers across the district.



Ashleigh Apostolovski, a math teacher at Northville High School, receives a Northville Educational Foundation grant for her project, Desmos Digital Classroom, presented by Northville High School Principal Tony Koski.



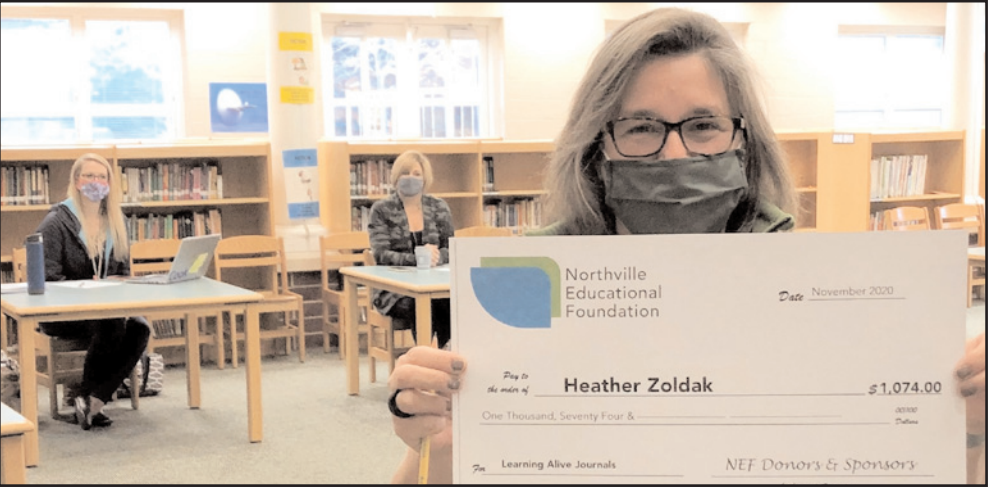
Markus Hartnett, fourth grade teacher at Amerman Elementary School, holds his check for \$3,000 which will fund his project, The City X Project, where students will design and engineer solutions to problems encountered by residents of an imaginary planet being colonized in space.

More than \$250,000 has been granted to innovative teachers since the program began. Visit the NEF website, www.SupportNEF.org to see a full list of the awarded grants.

Innovative Grants Committee members included Chairperson Martha Michalak,

Lori Farrow, Jeff Jaghab, Laurie Masi, Susan Oleson, Sharon Pernia, and Don Price, Jodie Roden, Bryan Valentini.

The Northville Educational Foundation is in the midst of its Annual Campaign. To donate, please go to www.SupportNEF.org.



Heather Zoldak, Ridge Wood Elementary School kindergarten teacher, is surprised during a staff meeting with a grant for her project, Learning Alive Journals.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 11, 2021 for the following:

POLICE UNIFORM SERVICES

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship> or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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Sumpter Township
Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:00 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and LaPorte. Swinson excused. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Finance Director Cole, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke and 16 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the agenda with the following edit(s):
EDITED: 5. New Business: Item A as follows;
Motion to consider maintaining regular business hours, closed to the public by appointment only for the Township, determine which employees can work remotely and develop the tools to accommodate, have the DPW working the crew needs with offset scheduled staffing, have IT setup a Zoom-type capability to accommodate Board Meeting and business needs to comply with the MDHHS Mandate.

Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: None.

5. New Business:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve Motion to consider maintaining regular business hours, closed to the public by appointment only for the Township, determine which employees can work remotely and develop the tools to accommodate, have the DPW working the crew needs with offset scheduled staffing, have IT setup a Zoom-type capability to accommodate Board Meeting and business needs to comply with the MDHHS Mandate.
Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve to pay warrants through year-end, 12/31/2020. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Bednark, supported by Oddy to approve to cancel all board meetings, commission meetings through year-end, 12/31/2020. Motion carried.

6. Open Floor: No attendees spoke.

7. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to adjourn at 6:35 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

date

John Morgan, Supervisor

date

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Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:56 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer K. Bednark and Trustees: LaPorte, Oddy and Rush. Swinson excused. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Fire Chief Januszyk, Public Safety Director/Chief of Police Luke, and approximately 42 Attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Hurst supported by Oddy to approve the agenda, as amended.
Remove: New Business, Item(s) # F & G from the agenda.
Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No comments were received.

5. Minutes: Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2020. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve the warrants totaling \$190,674.07 Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, LaPorte, Oddy, Treasurer Bednark, Clerk Hurst and Supervisor Morgan. Swinson excused. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Supervisor's Report - J. Morgan: No Report filed.

- Supervisor Morgan stated he did not have a report, but thanked the people of Sumpter Township and the Board for allowing him to be of service for 42 years. Over those years, he stated that he'd met and worked with a lot of people whose friendship and mutual love and respect he will always cherish. Many good memories!
- Trustee(s) Oddy, Treasurer Bednark expressed their pleasure in servicing the community with Supervisor Morgan.
- Deputy Supervisor Armatis talked about Supervisor Morgan's unprecedented service of 42 years to the Sumpter community and township employees. No other official in Sumpter has accomplished this. DS Armatis talked about his honest service with integrity, history and accomplishments within the community and Township government. Sumpter Township is better for having his service and he will be deeply missed.

8. Attorney Report-Young
Twp Lawsuits & Adversarial Proceeding 9%, Insurance matters 2%, Township Board meetings 8%, Meeting with Twp Officials 7%, Water & Sewer 5%, Police, Fire & Prosecutions 34%, Ordinance & Blight 3%, Labor Contract/LOU 5%, Employee Contract Issues 2%, Republic 2%, Planning 5%, Library 1%, Parks & Recreation 2%, Storm Water Management & MDEQ 2%, Board Direction 8%, Audit 2% and Misc. 2%.

- Attorney Young discussed the presented current MERS Contracts to be approved by the Board of Trustees. Motion of acceptance for the Attorney's Report by the Board will approve these items.
- Attorney Young spoke of the history of Supervisor Morgan and thanked him for his support, efforts and integrity.
- Trustee Rush inquired on recent open investigation status and Attorney Young advised that the process is currently ongoing.
- Trustee Oddy asked the Attorney to provide guidance to the Board on the different levels of Township Deputy duties and responsibilities.

9. Receive and File Reports:
Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve, receive and file the following reports. Motion carried.

- Attorney's Report
- Police Report
- Building/Ordinance Report
- Fire Report
- Treasurer's Report

10. Board Response:

- Treasurer Bednark recognized and thanked Deputy Treasurer Snook and Treasurer's Clerk for their performance, contributions and support of the Treasurer's Office and the community.

11. New Business:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Township to be closed December 24, 2020 through January 3, 2021. Vacation or personal days will be used. December 30, 2020 will be used as the floating holiday. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Bednark, supported by Oddy to approve of a FLYGT pump from Kennedy Industries at a cost of \$20,479.00. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve of Resolution No. 2020-14; Adoption of the Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Bednark, supported by Hurst to approve of appointing John Honey to the Planning Commission with the term to expire 11/09/2023. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve of Daniel Frost's return from personal leave onto the fire department effective immediately. Motion carried.

12. Announcements:

- Trustee Rush recognized Trustee Swinson on his efforts with the Parks & Recreation Commission, his years of service to the Board of Trustees and the Sumpter community. Trustee Oddy concurred.
- Treasurer Bednark recognized Trustee Swinson and well wishes for the future.
- Clerk Hurst addressed comments on Oath of Office activities and plans.

13. Open Floor: Seven (7) people spoke.

14. Adjournment: Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:51 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Date

John Morgan, Supervisor

Date

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BELLEVILLE - INKSTER - ROMULUS

Romulus student donates prize check to charity

Callie Hale, of Romulus, understands the importance of food insecurity, and how dealing with adversity at a young age can dramatically influence the development of a child. Hale, a senior at Alma College, chose the Kids Coalition Against Hunger, a non-profit organization based in Michigan, as the beneficiary of a \$500 prize she won as part of the Sodexo Spread the Joy sweepstakes.

Sodexo, the dining partner of Alma College, chose Hale as one of 30 winners from colleges and universities nationwide, to make

a donation in their name to their campus food pantry or a local hunger-related charity.

"My studies at Alma have brought me to an interest in child advocacy," said Hale, who is double-majoring in psychology and sociology. "The Kids Coalition Against Hunger is an organization that aims to help reduce the number of hungry children in the U.S., but also reaches out worldwide to address the issue of child hunger. I was particularly drawn to their efforts and mission statement when I was considering what charity I wanted to help

support."

According to a press release issued by Sodexo, the donation aspect of the sweepstakes was undertaken due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the issues that food pantries have dealt with as a result of it, specifically maintaining adequate supply.

"I am glad that the contest served a bigger purpose than just benefiting myself," Hale said. "I hope that the Kids Coalition can benefit from the check and meet their 2020 goals."

In addition to the donation money, Hale also won a \$100 gift

card, with encouragement to spend the money at locally owned businesses.

"COVID-19 has made food pantries even more cautious than they normally would be about accepting donations, because they don't want to spread the virus. That results in some real problems for people who rely on those services," said Burt McAtee, area general manager for Sodexo. "I'm grateful that students are thinking about nonprofit organizations during this time of year when hunger issues are a very real concern."



Callie Hale

Inkster driver involved in fatal vehicle accident

An Inkster driver struck and killed a 62-year-old wheelchair-bound woman from Ypsilanti Township last Saturday.

Washtenaw County Sheriff deputies were called to the scene at Michigan Avenue near Harvey Place in Ypsilanti at about 9 p.m. Jan. 23 when the 36-year-old Inkster woman called to report that she had struck a pedestrian. The driver had four children with her in her vehicle at the time of the incident, according to police

reports, although there were no injuries to anyone in the vehicle reported.

The driver was traveling east and the Ypsilanti woman was in a wheelchair; also heading east, according to police reports. She died of the injuries sustained in the collision.

The office of the Washtenaw County Sheriff said there were no arrests or charges in the incident but that the investigation is ongoing.

Appointments only at township hall

Van Buren Township Hall will remain open by appointment only through March 31, according to officials.

Appointment hours are from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and some same day appointments are available.

"We're encouraging residents to use the dropbox in front of township hall or in the police lobby, to pay bills online or do business over the phone," said township Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

"If residents need to come into Township Hall, please call ahead to the appropriate office and schedule an

appointment. Once you've arrived at township hall, please wait in your vehicle until your appointment time. At your appointment time, enter the front door and a screener will greet you and direct you to the corresponding office," he added.

"We're still in a pandemic and with a new COVID-19 variant now in Washtenaw County we want to continue to make sure we're keeping everyone as safe as possible, while still completing all business," said Clerk Leon Wright.

For a list of township office phone numbers or more information on scheduling an appointment, visit vanburen-mi.org.

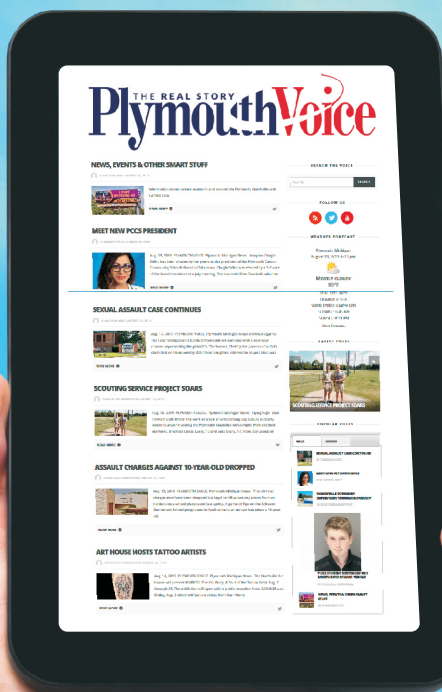


Friday Fill Up honored

Rotary District 6400 has recognized two leaders of Trinity Episcopal Church - Friday Fill Up for their work in providing food and other support each week to families in food insecure households. Both Martha Hanoian, receiving the award certificate from Rotary Club of Belleville President Debra Green, right, and Gabby Burton were honored with the district Peace Chain Award for their efforts to help local families in need and in "helping make our community healthier, safer and more stable." The club donated \$500 to Friday Fill Up in December and has supported Friday Fill Up with sorting, organizing and delivery in recent years.

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Westland financial audit earns top rating

Westland city officials received a positive audit report during a council study session Jan. 19.

Auditors from Plante Moran issued an “unmodified opinion”, the highest rating available, stating that the June 30, 2020 financial statements of the city are fairly presented and accurately reflect the financial position of Westland.

The city General Fund rainy day balance showed a slight increase to more than \$6.1 million while complying with all requirements issued by the State of Michigan. City COVID-19 cost containment efforts proved helpful, with nearly all departments

coming in under budget for the year, auditors noted, while the report also showed a decrease in total outstanding bond debt of approximately \$2.7 million.

“The city was able to outperform the General Fund amended budget by approximately \$1.6 million, despite certain revenue recognized in 2020 being under budget,” commented Alisha Watkins, CPA and partner at Plante Moran “Westland’s proactive pandemic cost containment efforts certainly had a favorable outcome on the budget results.”

“Despite a year full of unique and unprecedented challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the city was still able to

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The city was able to outperform the General Fund amended budget by approximately \$1.6 million, despite certain revenue recognized in 2020 being under budget.

reinvest more than \$11.2 million on various capital improvements, including water and sewer line repairs and upgrades, various road and park improvements, and new public service equipment and vehicles during the 2019-20 fiscal year,” commented Mayor William R. Wild. “We will continue to be fiscally

responsible as long term financial effects from the pandemic are realized.”

In accordance with Public Act 202, the city opened a retiree healthcare Trust Fund in 2019 in an effort to help address the unfunded portion of the retiree healthcare benefit obligations. The city has committed to bud-

eting \$500,000 annually to the trust to offset the unfunded liability. The Westland liability has been reduced from approximately \$232,750,000 at June 30, 2018 to approximately \$155,750,000 as of June 30, 2021, representing a reduction of \$77,000,000 or 33 percent.

“The city continues to make positive progress on the outstanding legacy costs,” commented Steve Smith, Westland finance director. “The overall unfunded liability in total for the pension funds and the retiree health care fund (OPEB) was reduced by over \$67 million in 2019 and an additional \$9.5 million in 2020.”



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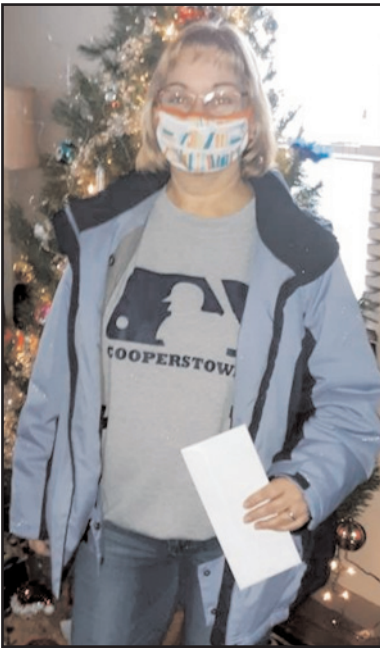
Gino Criscenti was sworn in as an officer of the Wayne Police Department at the regular meeting of the city council last week. Criscenti recently graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy and immediately began his departmental orientation process. Criscenti will fill a vacant position already budgeted for the department, officials said.

Winning shoppers are named

Wayne Main Street, which was selected as the 2020 Non-Profit of the Year by members of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, recently celebrated the winners of the Small Business Saturday event in the community.

The event took place virtually this year due to the rise in COVID-19 cases and included a "Shopathon" which invited local residents to shop small and submit their receipts for a chance to win \$250. Entrants were also asked to post a photo of themselves shopping in downtown Wayne or their purchase.

First prize of \$250 went to Linda



Brindley with 11 receipts while Jill Lezotte-Kates won \$150 as second place winner. Third place winner Leslie Herber won \$100 and Kelley Watson Fulkerson won a \$25 gift card as the fourth place winner.

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SYNOPSIS
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, January 21, 2021
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL: Mark Abbo, Supervisor
Roger Lundberg, Clerk
Jason Rhines, Treasurer
Scott Frush, Trustee
Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
Cynthia Jankowski, Trustee
Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Agendas:**
A. **Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items** – Approved
• Removed Item 5.C. Public Services – Water Tower Maintenance Contract

2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
A. **HDC – Suzette Heathcote appointment** – Approved
B. **HDC – Robin Schlech reappointment** – Approved
C. **Planning Commission** – Tim Zawodny reappointment – Approved
D. **Landfill Working Committee Report** – Presented

3. **Public Hearing:** None
4. **Brief Public Comments:** One resident had a question or comment for the Board of Trustees.
5. **New Business:**
A. **Clerk's Office – Modified Robert's Rules of Order** – Approved
B. **Public Services – Ford Explorer purchase** – Approved
C. **Public Services – Water Tower Maintenance contract** – Removed
D. **Public Services – F350 pickup with snowplow purchase** – Approved
E. **Supervisor – Contract for Capital Relations** – Approved
F. **Parks & Rec – Fertilizer & Weed Control Contract** – Approved
G. **Parks & Rec – 2021 Ford Ranger XL with towing pkg** – Approved

6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **Ordinances:** None
8. **Check Registry:**
A. **In the amount of \$3,495,901.27 for the period of December 5, 2020 to January 8, 2021.** – Approved

9. **Board Communication & Reports:**
A. Mark Abbo, Roger Lundberg, Jason Rhines, Scott Frush, Mindy Herrmann, Cynthia Jankowski, Christopher Roosen and Todd Mutchler

10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.
A draft of the meeting minutes will be available on February 2, 2021.
Respectfully submitted:
Mark Abbo, Supervisor
Roger Lundberg, Clerk

Water

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a lead filter, the Wayne County Health Department will provide filters at no cost,” officials said. Filters will be available via a drive-through pick-up at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center at 2025 Middlebelt Road from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, and Sunday, Feb. 21. During filter distribution social distancing will be practiced, face masks are required, and all recipients will be asked to remain in their vehicles during pick-up.

Officials urges resident not to use hot water from the tap for drinking, cooking, or preparing baby formula and explained that boiling the water will not reduce the amount of lead in the water.

All resident were advised to clean faucet aerators to remove trapped debris and to check home water service line at the water meter to determine if it is a lead service line

The Action Level is not a health-based standard but is a level that triggers additional actions including, but not limited to, increased investigative sampling of the water quality and educational outreach to our customers. The health-based standard for lead in drinking water is 0 ppb; there is

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*The more time water
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no safe level of lead in the blood.

Lead can enter drinking water when in contact with pipes, solder, home/building interior plumbing, fittings, and fixtures that contain lead. Homes with lead service lines have an increased risk of having high lead levels in drinking water. Of the approximate 8,800 customers in Inkster, about 5 percent or 400 customers have lead service lines, officials said.

The more time water has been sitting in home pipes, the more lead it may contain. Therefore, if home water has not been used for several hours, run the water before using it for drinking or cooking. This flushes lead-containing water from the pipes. Additional flushing may be required for homes that have been vacant or have a longer service line, officials advised.

COVID

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director of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs had previously approved the assignment of men and women of the National Guard last year in an effort to “help reduce the risk and safeguard Michiganders during this pandemic.”

“As 2021 begins, we are doubling down on our commitment to the safety of Michigan communities by doing everything we can to make the vaccine as accessible as possible,” said Rogers.

“We are here to help the state where asked,” said Rogers. “From the city of Detroit to the far reaches of the Upper Peninsula, the Michigan National Guard will continue to assist our communities in this very important mission.”

Michigan has started Phase 1B of the vaccination plan, which includes those over age 65. As more of the population is eligible for vaccines, the need for addi-

tional support administering the doses has increased. As of Jan. 23, the Michigan National Guard had administered almost 32,000 vaccines to state residents, officials said.

Residents can find COVID-19 test sites in their communities at Michigan.gov/CoronavirusTest.

Symptoms may include: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headaches, loss of taste, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea.

Because the variant spreads more easily, it could increase the number of people who need to be hospitalized or who lose their lives to COVID-19 should the new variant begin circulating widely in Michigan. It is possible that there are more B.1.1.7 cases in Michigan that have not been identified, Khaldun said.

At this time, information is limited and changing rapidly, she added. The latest information is available at? Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and? CDC.gov/Coronavirus?



Bus fire does not slow down SMART service

Fire damage to six SMART buses last week is not expected to interrupt service throughout the area, officials said.

The fire, apparently the result of an electrical issue, damaged the buses Jan. 18 outside the Nankin Transit parking area on Dorsey Street in Westland. Officials said the buses were plugged into a block heater which apparently caused the fire.

Nankin Transit Director Jim Ridener said six of the seven SMART buses outside were damaged and five of those six were entirely wrecked, said Kelly Eggers,

Westland fire marshal.

No injuries were reported and the building was not damaged and services have gone uninterrupted, Ridener said. Nankin Transit accepted the pre-scheduled delivery of three new buses before the fire and those arrived later Monday, Ridener said. The transit company was making about 300 trips for seniors and the disabled before the pandemic but currently, they make only about 120 to 150 daily trips throughout Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Garden City and Canton Township, he estimated.

Dining

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sides are permitted under these same rules. Bars and restaurants must close by 10 p.m. Additionally, contact information must be collected from diners for contact tracing purposes.

Robert Gordon, MDHHS director said the relaxed rules demonstrate the success of the previous measures in controlling

the spread of the virus.

“Even so, the science is clear that unmasked, indoor activities like dining and drinking are still a source of high risk around COVID-19. The safest course remains to support your favorite restaurant with carryout, delivery or outdoor dining. If individuals choose to eat out, there are two things they can do to make it much safer: go out only with members of their own household and choose a restaurant participating in the MI COVID-19 Safer Dining certification program.”

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3 - 7:30 Monday — Friday

Noon - 7:30 Saturday and Sunday

AVAILABLE FOR CARRY-OUT AND CURBSIDE ORDERING

CALL (734)414-6400

Dinner take out menu available at

<https://www.egnicksdtp.com/dinner-menu.html>

DeliveryTakeout Sit-down dining Curbside pickup

Health & Safety Measures From the business

MASKS REQUIRED • STAFF WEARS GLOVES • STAFF WEARS MASKS

LIMITED CAPACITY • HAND SANITIZER PROVIDED

SANITIZING BETWEEN CUSTOMERS • SOCIAL DISTANCING ENFORCED

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COMPLEMENTARY CONSULTATION

We believe Chiropractic care and Nutritional based therapies are a foundational part of a healthy family lifestyle.

MICHIGAN FAMILY WELLNESS

No matter where you are in the mitten, having a family is such an exciting time of life; so instead of feeling overwhelmed by stress, fatigue, and responsibilities with the kids, we invite you become part of this empowering community to create happy, healthy families.

Dr. Kyle cultivates family health by equipping people with the tools they need to elevate wellness in their own family.

Dr. Kyle passionately serves the Michigan community at his Chiropractic and Nutrition based practice where he specializes in pregnancy, pediatrics, and family wellness care.

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